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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Ballistic Missiles and Space Division, OSI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Search for Missile Instrumentation Facilities, Sinkiang Province, China

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement OSI/R-111/63  
(b) CIA/PID Project C 433-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 2 April 1963 which requested a search for missile instrumentation facilities in Sinkiang Province, China.

2. A search of the target areas was performed by utilizing the latest [REDACTED] photography that gave the best coverage and quality. Only photography subsequent to [REDACTED] was scanned. Specific interest was given to searches for downrange facilities in the form of instrumentation sites, recovery facilities, range stations, field launch points, airfield support, and any other unusual activity that could possibly be missile associated.

(1) A'K'o Su (41-04N 80-15E) No downrange facilities were observed within 25 nm of this location. [REDACTED]

(2) An-Hsi (40-30N 96-00E) No downrange facilities were observed within 25 nm on [REDACTED] photography of [REDACTED] however, [REDACTED] shows a large military barracks and storage area approximately 30 nm north-northeast of An-Hsi. This area is located on the Ha-Mi Yumen rail line. Heavy haze and scattered clouds preclude a more detailed analysis.

(3) Chiu Ch-uan (39-46N 93-34E) No downrange facilities were observed within 25 nm of this location. [REDACTED]

(4) Hsai (42-48N 93-27E) The only unusual facilities observed within this area are the unidentified areas to the northwest and the southeast of Hsai. These activities have an unusual configuration similar to a Chevron. (See [REDACTED] R-129/62.) [REDACTED]

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(5) Kotien (37-07N 79-55E) A large tower approximately 180 feet in height is located 25 nm to the northwest of Kotien (37-25N 79-34E). This tower could function as an aircraft beacon. No associated support buildings can be seen. Haze and obliquity limit analysis. Two aircraft were observed at the Kotien airfield. [REDACTED]

(6) Kashgar (39-29N 75-58E) No downrange facilities were identified, however, a great deal of military activity is evident at several installations in the area. The Zang Karavul airfield was cleared of snow and extensive track activity was apparent in the search area. Small scale, snow and scattered clouds preclude further analysis. [REDACTED]

(7) Korla (41-44N 86-09E) No downrange facilities observed within 25 nm of this location. [REDACTED]

(8) Kuldja (Ining) (45-29N 110-04E) No downrange facilities observed within 25 nm of this location. [REDACTED]

(9) Kueha (41-43N 85-54E) No downrange facilities observed within 25 nm of this location. [REDACTED]

(10) Kumush (42-14N 83-11E) No downrange facilities observed within 25 nm of this location. [REDACTED]

(11) Mian (39-17N 88-45E) No downrange facilities observed within 25 nm of this location. [REDACTED]

(12) Tun-Huang (40-10N 94-50E) No downrange facilities observed within 25 nm of this location. [REDACTED]

(13) Turfan (45-56N 89-10E) No downrange facilities observed within 25 nm of this location, however, three tower-like structures are located approximately 75 nm west of the center of the search area at 46-00N 87-20E. Mission [REDACTED]

(14) Ying-Pan (40-59N 87-48E) No downrange facilities observed within 25 nm of this location. The nearest observed unusual facility is the Lop Nor "circle." (See NPIC R-46/62) [REDACTED]

(15) Yu-Men (40-17N 97-12E) No downrange facilities observed within 25 nm of this location. No aircraft observed at the airfield southeast of Yu-Men. [REDACTED]

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(16) Urunchi (43-48N 87-35E) Both the Ti-hua One and Ti-hua Two airfield appeared operational and active. Three small unidentified aircraft were visible at Ti-hua One airfield. Several probable military barracks areas were identified within the search area, and fifteen possible tower-like structures which are arranged in a rectangular configuration. The tower-like structures are located approximately 25 nm northeast of Urunchi. Mission [REDACTED]

3. In general, the photographic coverage of the search areas is of small scale, poor quality, and had heavy to scattered clouds.

4. The photo analyst for this project is [REDACTED] and he may be contacted on extension [REDACTED] should you have any further questions regarding this project.

5. This project is considered to be complete.

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